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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TRANSFER TUNNELS
IN TACHIRA STATE.

1. INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE OBRAS SANITARIAS (INOS), VENEZUELAN
NATIONAL WATER AGENCY, HAS OPENED CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATIONS
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR WATER TRANSFER TUNNELS AS PART OF
THE EXPANSION OF THE REGIONAL AQUEDUCT FOR TACHIRA STATE. BID
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS NO. 15-76.

2. THE TUNNELS WILL BE CONSECUTIVE AND WILL BE OF THE FOLLOWING
LENGTHS: 7.30; 7.65; 2.30 AND 1.25 KILOMETERS, ALL 3 METERS
WIDE. THE TWO LONGER TUNNELS ARE TO BE DRILLED WITH TUNNEL
BORING EQUIPMENT, AND THE TWO SHORTER ONES ARE TO BE DUG
USING CONVENTIONAL EXCAVATION SYSTEMS. INOS WILL SELECT NATIONAL,
MIXED FOREIGN-NATIONAL OR FULLY FOREIGN COMPANIES, IN THAT
ORDER OF PREFERENCE. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT MANDATORY THAT FOREIGN
FIRMS ASSOCIATE WITH NATIONAL COMPANIES FOR THEIR PROPOSAL TO
BE CONSIDERED.

3. PREQUALIFICATION PROCEDURES: THOSE COMPANIES INTENDING
TO BID MUST PERSONALLY PRESENT A LETTER OF INTENT ON SEPTEMBER
30, AT 9 A.M. AT INOS' CONFERENCE ROOM, PISO 12, EDIFICIO LA PAZ,
AVENIDA ANDRESS BELLO, CARACAS. IF FIRM IS NOT REGISTERED WITH
INOS IT MUST DO SO PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1976. ALSO PRIOR TO
SEPTEMBER 13TH, INOS MUST RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS FROM
PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: A) ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. B)

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AN OUTLINE OF THE FIRM'S EXPERIENCE IN TUNNELING PROJECTS.

C) DESCRIPTION OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY TO BE USED.
D) LIST OF THE PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICIANS EMPLOYED BY THE FIRM, INCLUDING THEIR CURRICULA. E) MOST RECENT CERTIFIED BALANCE STATEMENT. F) AN ANALYSIS OF THE FIRM'S FINANCIAL AND CREDIT CAPABILITIES. G) DOCUMENTS WHICH SET FORTH THE FORMATION OF A CONSORTIUM, IF ONE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED. ALL THESE DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE NOTARIZED BY THE VENEZUELAN CONSULATE WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE AREA IN WHICH THE CORPORATE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE FIRM IS LOCATED.

4. IT IS MANDATORY THAT PREQUALIFIED FIRMS VISIT THE AREA WHERE THE WORK IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID. INOS WILL ORGANIZE THESE VISITS THROUGH ITS DIRECCION GENERAL DE PROYECTOS (PROJECT DEPARTMENT). BIDDING FIRMS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE A PROJECT CASH FLOW ANALYSIS WHICH PROJECTS MONTH-BY-MONTH EXPENDITURES AND INDICATES FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

5. BIDDING COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT SEVERAL GURANTEES AS FOLLOWS: A) BS. 500,000 TO GUARANTEE THE FIRM'S SIGNATURE OF A CONTRACT SHOULD THE FIRM BE CHOSEN. B) BS. 500,000 TO GURANTEE THE INTEGRITY OF A CONSORTIUM, SHOULD THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER HAVE THIS FORM. C) BS. 3,000,000 TO GURANTEE THAT THE FIRM, IF CHOSEN, WILL EMBARK THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT INTO VENEZUELA WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE PROPOSAL. D) THE FIRM RECEIVING THE CONTRACT AWARD WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT 10PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONTRACT TO GURANTEE PERFORMANCE. THIS DEPOSIT WILL BE RETURNED UPON COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT. DEPOSITS A,B, AND C WILL BE REFUNDED FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED ACTION IS ASSURED.

6. SCHEDULE OF CRITICAL DATES: SEPT. 13, 1976-FIRMS MUST HAVE REGISTERED AND SUBMITTED PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTATION. SEPT. 30, 1976-FIRMS MUST SUBMIT LETTERS OF INTENT. OCT. 13, 1976-INOS WILL ANNOUNCE WHICH FIRMS HAVE BEEN PREQUALIFIED AND MAY PRESENT PROPOSALS. DEC. 13, 1976-PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS.
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